Milldene Primary School

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Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Earlier this week, we marked Remembrance Day with a special assembly and a minute's silence. The children showed great respect as we reflected on the importance of remembering those who served and sacrificed. The minute's silence was beautifully observed.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming EYFS and Year 1 parents and carers to our Phonics Information Sessions**,** which will take place on Wednesday and Thursday**.** These sessions will provide an opportunity to learn more about how phonics is taught at Milldene and how you can support your child's reading journey at home.

Mrs Coxhead

SEND News

Leisure World Colchester, in partnership with SEND Sensation, offers dedicated, relaxed 'SEND Family Swim' sessions every Sunday from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. These sessions provide a welcoming and supportive environment for children and families. Places cost £5 per person and can be booked through the SEND Sensation website.



Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to **Reception** who won the Attendance Cup this week with 97.7% and will receive 15 minutes extra playtime. Well done!





Cross Country Event

On Wednesday, a team of Year 6 children travelled to Northern Gateway to participate in a cold and muddy cross-country competition. All the children demonstrated grit, determination and lots of resilience throughout the 1.5km run, representing the school superbly. Thank you so much to all the parents who volunteered to drive the children there and stayed to cheer them all on.

Well done to:
Naomi, Harriet, Lily, Lillia, Isla P-F, Alex, Luca, Archie, Reggie and Finn.

A special mention to Naomi, Harriet and Alex who all achieved a top 10 finish!



Girls Football Tournament

On Friday, a group of Year 6 girls participated in a football tournament. Despite it being the first time on a football pitch for some of the girls and it being the first time they have all played together, their effort could not be faulted.

They improved, both individually and as a team, throughout the tournament and showed fantastic sportsmanship.

Well done to:
Harriet, Lillia, Isla P-F, Lily, Kaci, Elsie and Poppy.



Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
13.11.26	PTFA Disco
18.11.26	Phonics Information Session – 5:15pm – EYFS and Year 1 only
19.11.26	Phonics Information Session – 9am – EYFS and Year 1 only
27.11.26	Christmas Jumper Day
02.12.26	Pantomime Trip
08.12.26	Flu vaccinations – catch-up session
08.12.26	KS1 Nativity – Afternoon Performance – 1:30-2:30pm
09.12.26	KS1 Nativity – Morning Performance – 9:30-10:30am



Pantomime Trip

We are delighted to confirm the arrangements for the whole school pantomime trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk on Wednesday 2nd December 2026 at the Mercury Theatre. The performance starts at 10:15am and runs for approximately 2 hours 25 minutes. We will be leaving Milldene at 9:15am and will return to school for lunch. The usual snack will be provided during the interval.

The theatre tickets have again been generously paid for by the PTFA. We are asking parents and carers to contribute towards the cost of the coach travel to the venue This year the cost of the coach transport is £9.50 per child**.** Payments can be made via the **Trips** section of the **Arbor** app.

Should you need any help, please do not hesitate in contacting the school office.



Core Value Awards

Reggie Y6, Adrian Y5, Alfie Y4, Ethan Y3, Arthur Y2, Jack Y1, Max Reception

Kindness ***Respect*** ***Curiosity***

WOW Awards

Reception	Layla and Tobe
Year 1	Matilda and Mia
Year 2	Jesse and Mabel
Year 3	Blubelle and Lucia
Year 4	Joey and Mason
Year 5	Cruz and Harper
Year 6	Dominic and Elsie





House Points

This week's winning house is …

Earps



with **278** points!

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'Living and Learning Together'

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